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MEMORANDIM FOR: Chief, Positions Management & Compensation Division

FROM

Chief, Review Staff, OP

SUBJECT -

: Revision of the HR

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1. The DD/A has tasked the Office of Personnel with reviewing and updating all of the HR series of regulations during TATINTL FY 77. To accomplish this objective we request that you review the regulations that pertain to your work (see attached list) and submit any proposed changes, deletions or additions, to the Review Staff by 17 December 1976.

2. Please review the regulations for substantive changes should new policies have evolved, and for editing changes as the content may not be complete or too unclear to be fully understood. Other considerations to be taken into account in your review are the references to the sex of employees in the text and the classification of the regulations. The classification should be downgraded or declassified as much as possible by a close scrutiny of the regulations content and by changing key words or phrases, e.g., Staff Agent may become staff personnel or staff employee.

3. Please forward your response through your Deputy Director for concurrence in any recommendations. Coordination of this review among the various Office of Personnel components and within the DDA will be accomplished by the Review Staff. In order for us to cope with the massive coordination effort involved in this project, please do not hold the regulations until all have been reviewed, but return them to us individually as they are completed prior to the deadline date.

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N.B. When only simple changes in the regulations are recommended, such as name changes, an appropriate notation in the margin of a copy of the regulation is all that need be forwarded by your office. Review Staff is responsible for retyping the entire HR series before submission to Regulations Control Branch.

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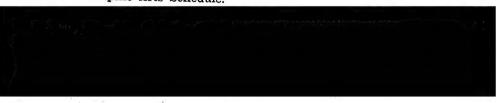
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 - (b) Salary Retention. An employee who is reduced to a lower grade may be permitted to retain his existing rate of compensation for a period of two years at the discretion of the Director of Personnel, provided that (1) his reduction to the lower grade is not due to his own request, a personnel reduction resulting from a lack of funds or curtailment of work, or his unsatisfactory job performance; (2) his existing rate of compensation exceeds the maximum rate of the lower grade; and (3) he has had two years of continuous service in any grade or grades higher than the grade to which he is reduced. Upon termination of the two-year salary retention period, his salary will be adjusted to the maximum rate of the lower grade.
 - (c) Unsatisfactory Job Performance. An employee who is reduced to a lower grade as a result of unsatisfactory job performance will be paid at the step of the lower grade to which he would have progressed had he held the lower grade throughout the period of time that he held the higher grade, except that his rate of compensation at the lower grade will not exceed his rate of compensation at the grade from which he was reduced.
- b. WAGE ADMINISTRATION. Wage administration applies to those positions and employees whose rates of compensation are fixed and periodically adjusted in accordance with prevailing rates in the locality or industry concerned on the basis of wage surveys conducted by Government wage boards or similar administrative authorities.
 - (1) Agency wage administration for staff personnel is based on wage plans and schedules in effect in other Government agencies. The plans and schedules adopted by the Agency are those of the head wage board and Lithographic Wage Board, the Government Printing Schedule, and the Graphic Arts Schedule.

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These sections are correct as stated but an addition should (c) be made as (c) and redesignate current/km to (d).

(c) SAVED PAY. Under certain specified and unusual circumstances an employee may be reduced in grade and musual qualify for indefinite salary retention. Placemnent in grade is like that described above. The employee receives one-half of later adjustments in pay appropriate to the grade to which reduced until the retained rate fits within the scheduled rates for the lower grade.

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Second sentence in both - delete phrase "for staff personnel" in order to generally denote that non staff, such as are also covered. This deletion will make the section fit with HR as wer are amending it, and should suffice for gut guidance.

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Only needed changes here/are to delete Army-Wary Air Force
Wage Board and replace with Federal Wage System

Strict interpretation of FPM would provide that reduction in grade at termination of salary retention would be to the step in grade forms which the the employee is eligible, not necessarily at the maximum for the lower grade. The Agency practice is based on long tradition, and does give the maximum benefit to the employee for situations which may not seef his own making. How technical should the Agency be moving in terms of direct, technical compliance with the FPM in such cases?

Same sections; para (c) for each

An employee reduced for cause is placed at the step level for which he has established elibility. This is the rule which could be applied above, the difference being that in the prior case the employee would have had his 2 years SR, in the case for cause there is no SR consideration.

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Only needed change here is reference to Federal Wage

System and Interdepartmental Lithographic Wage Board replace

Army-Air Force Wage Board & Lithographic Wage Board.

The remainder of this section is probably adequate since it is general and there are no conflicts with law, rule, regulation or practices. It is possible if such references are to is used elsewhere, to refer to FPM (especially 532) as the basis for administrative determinations for employees in wage and locality pay systems. Same for the following pare (2)

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